Reflection of the Market to Museum project

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The whole graduation project start with the urban research about Chicago, South Chicago neighborhood and South works. We developed the understanding of the urban environment from big scale--- the state and the city, to small scale--- the neighborhood and the site. This research in range of scales is beneficial in the design process because it always reminds me to think about the influence that the project is going to have in scale of neighborhood, in scale of the city and even in scale of the whole world. This can be a method that I can use to develop a more comprehensive design in all kinds of projects in the future. In this stage the research is for the explaining what the building is going to be and why. It's mostly about the issues that the project need to deal within the urban context.

The relationship between urban design and architecture design is another interesting aspect of the project. In one hand the master plan that we develop in urban design is a foundation for the architecture project in terms of transportation, program and landscape. In the other hand, a single building can be also important in the development of an area because it can attract people and act as an anchor. These two scales of project are not separated, they should always be benefiting each other so they can function better in real urban development.

When it comes to the design of the building, the research question was transferred to how to make the building function in order to deal with such issues and how to use the vocabulary of architecture to response to it. A architecture project should not be simply solving problems. Architects have the responsibility to add value to the process of solving problems, which can be better urban environment, hybrid of programs, spaces of high quality or aesthetic value.

In summary, this Complex Project studio makes me think about how can a building act to a complex urban environment and how it can build itself to react and make a change in different scales.